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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House Cnr Alice and George Sts BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2012 forwarding Petition 2006-12 regarding the request to de-amalgamate the rural areas of the former Dalby Town Council and the Shires of Wambo, Tara, Chinchilla, Murilla and Taroom from the Western Downs Regional Council.

The due date to submit proposals to de-amalgamate a council area to me was 29 August 2012. I received 19 proposals and referred those from Douglas, Isis, Livingstone, Mareeba and Noosa to Mr Col Meng, Queensland Boundaries Commissioner, for detailed analysis.

The Commissioner worked with Queensland Treasury Corporation to scrutinise the financial and logistical aspects of the proposals. The Commissioner reported his recommendations back to me on 28 November 2012. I have decided that Noosa, Livingstone, Mareeba and Douglas will all go to a vote.

I did not receive a proposal to de-amalgamate the above areas from the Western Downs Regional Council prior to 29 August 2012 so I was unable to consider the possible de-amalgamation of this council as part of the process.

If you require any further information, please contact Logan Timms, Director, Office of the Queensland Boundaries Commission, on 3404 3319 or logan.timms@dlg.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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